

## **Eligibility Requirements for Medicaid for Pregnant Women and Children (SOBRA)**

Coverage for the SOBRA program is available for pregnant women and children. These children may be living in one or two parent families. You may also apply for unrelated children as long as they are living in the home. Family planning (birth control services) are available to women aged 19 - 44.

To apply in person, go to your local county health department, federally qualified health care center or some local hospitals. For a paper application, call 1-800-362-1504 or visit Medicaid's website at [www.medicaid.state.al.us](http://www.medicaid.state.al.us). You may also apply on-line at [www.insurealabama.org](http://www.insurealabama.org).

To be eligible for SOBRA Medicaid, you must:

- \* Be a child under age 19,
- \* Be a pregnant woman,
- \* Be a woman aged 19 - 44 (for family planning services only),
- \* Be a resident of Alabama,
- \* Be a U.S. citizen or be in satisfactory immigration status,
- \* Meet the income standards listed below:

### **MONTHLY FAMILY INCOME**

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<b>FAMILY SIZE</b>	<b>STANDARD A 100% Poverty Level (child age 6 or older)</b>	<b>STANDARD B 133% Poverty Level (pregnant woman, child under age 6, or woman aged 19 - 44)</b>
1	\$ 817.00	\$1,087.00
2	\$1,100.00	\$1,463.00
3	\$1,384.00	\$1,840.00
4	\$1,667.00	\$2,217.00
5	\$1,950.00	\$2,594.00
6	\$2,234.00	\$2,971.00
7	\$2,517.00	\$3,348.00
8	\$2,800.00	\$3,724.00

- \* Add \$284.00 for each additional family member for 100% poverty
- \* Add \$377.00 for each additional family member for 133% poverty

The "family size" is determined by counting the pregnant woman, the unborn child, the legal father of the unborn child (if living in the home) and children under the age of 19 living in the home.

The “monthly family income” is determined by totaling all earned income received in a month and subtracting certain deductions, such as work expense (\$90 per month) and child or incapacitated adult day care expense (within certain limits), then adding any unearned income to arrive at the total monthly family income.

Proof of the family’s income must be furnished at application and at annual review. Address changes, changes in family size, and/or living arrangements must be reported to the Medicaid Agency.

**For Pregnant women:**

- \* Pregnancy must be medically verified.
- \* The income of all persons included in the “family size” is counted.
- \* The parent’s income of a pregnant woman under 19 is not counted when she only applies for pregnancy related services.

**Coverage:**

- \* Medicaid coverage may begin as early as three months before the month of application, if medical services were received and all eligibility requirements were met.
- \* Services for SOBRA pregnant women are limited to pregnancy-related services, post partum services, and family planning. (The pregnant woman’s coverage ends the last day of the month of the 60<sup>th</sup> post partum day.)
- \* Pregnant women under age 19 may receive full Medicaid coverage if the parent’s income is counted and they meet the income guidelines for a child.
- \* Pregnant women will receive full Medicaid coverage if they meet the income guidelines for the Medicaid for Low Income Families (MLIF) program .

**For Children:**

- \* The income of all persons included in the “family size” is counted.
- \* The income of the legal parent(s) to the children is counted.
- \* Any income paid to the children is counted.
- \* The income of a stepparent is not counted.
- \* Income of other adults applying for the children, related or unrelated, is not counted.

**Coverage:**

- \* Medicaid coverage may begin as early as three months before the month of application, if medical services were received and all eligibility requirements were met.
- \* Children under 19 will receive 12 months continuous eligibility, without regard to changes in circumstances, as long as they remain residents of the state.
- \* Children under 19 will receive full Medicaid coverage.

**For Family Planning Services:**

You must be a woman between 19 and 44 years of age, not be receiving Medicare or have had your tubes tied, to apply. If you have children under 19 years of age in your home, use Form 291 to apply, if you do not have children under 19 years of age in your home, use Form 357 to apply.

**Coverage:**

Family planning services only, such as birth control pills, Depo Provera shots, a yearly family planning exam and certain other tests or lab work.

# Eligibility Requirements for Medicaid for Low Income Families

Medicaid for Low Income Families (MLIF) is a health care program for families with very low income who have children under the age of 19 living in their homes. There must be a relationship to the children, such as that of a parent or close relative, in order to qualify for MLIF. Non-related caretakers do not qualify for MLIF.

## To be eligible for MLIF, you must:

- \* Have a child under the age of 19 who is a close relative and who lives in the home,
- \* Be a resident of Alabama,
- \* Be a U.S. citizen or be in satisfactory immigration status,
- \* Assign all medical insurance or medical support benefits to the State,
- \* Report family income, relationship, and other eligibility information to Medicaid within 10 days and
- \* Cooperate in obtaining medical support payments.

NOTE: Cooperation with the Department of Human Resources in Medical Support Enforcement activities, including establishing paternity, to obtain Third Party Medical Liability Insurance from an absent parent, is necessary, unless a good reason for not cooperating is determined. If the grantee relative (adult related to the children) does not cooperate or have a good reason for not cooperating, the adult members of the family cannot get Medicaid, unless the grantee relative is a pregnant woman.

## Financial Eligibility

<u>Family Size</u>	<u>Eligibility Standard</u>
1	\$ 111
2	\$ 137
3	\$ 164
4	\$ 194
5	\$ 225
6	\$ 252
7	\$ 287
8	\$ 315

- \* Add \$28 for each additional family member

“Family” means the natural or legal parents, and blood-related or adoptive siblings of the children. Other relatives, such as stepchildren, nieces, nephews, etc., who live in the home and are under 19 years of age, may also be included in the family. The income of all persons in the “family size” is counted to determine eligibility. Certain deductions are also allowed in determining eligibility, such as work expense (\$90 per month); and child or incapacitated adult day care expense (within certain limits).

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